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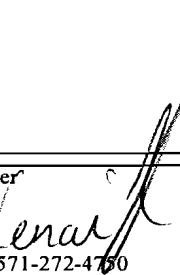
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Applicant			
ELECTRONICS FOR IMAGING, INC.			

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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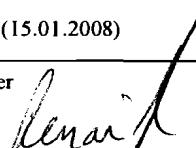
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of ___ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I Basis of the report
 - II Priority
 - III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV Lack of unity of invention
 - V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI Certain documents cited
 - VII Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 23 September 2004 (23.09.2004)	Date of completion of this report 15 January 2008 (15.01.2008)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.

the description:
pages 1-8 as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims:
pages 9-12 as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings
pages 1_____, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the sequence listing part of the description:
pages NONE, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of

the description, pages NONE

the claims, Nos. NONE

the drawings, sheets/~~fig~~ NONE

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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PCT/US04/05598**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-18</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-18</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Please See Continuation Sheet

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(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

1. Claims 1-18 lacks novelty under PCT Article 33(3) as being anticipated by Young(US 6,898,624 B2).

In regards to claim 1, Young discloses a method for providing printing services(figure 2), comprising: assigning a telephone number to a printer(column 3, lines 21-25); associating a print job with said telephone number(column 3, lines 21-25); forwarding said print job from a print job source to a spooling server over a network(column 3, lines 23-25); associating the print job with the printer at the spooling server based on said telephone number(column 3, lines 58-65); forwarding the print job from the spooling server to the printer(column 4, lines 24-28); and printing said print job at said printer(column 4, lines 44-47).

In regards to claim 10, it consists of similar subject matter as claim 1. Note that claim 1 discusses a method that corresponds to the system divulged in claim 10. For this reason, the rejection of claim 1 is utilized in rejecting claim 10 as well.

In regards to claim 2, Young discloses a method in accordance with claim 1, wherein: said print job source comprises a facsimile machine(figure 1); and the telephone number is associated with the print job by entering the telephone number at the facsimile machine(column 3, lines 20-25).

In regards to claim 11, it is rejected in the same manner as claim 2.

In regards to claim 3, Young discloses a method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the print job source is one of a computer, a personal digital assistant device, a multifunction print device, an Internet appliance, a scanner, or a telephone(column 2, lines 60-65).

In regards to claim 12, it is rejected in the same manner as claim 3.

In regards to claim 4, Young discloses a method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the network comprises: at least one of a local area network, a wide area network, a global network, and the Internet(figure 1).

In regards to claim 13, it is rejected in the same manner as claim 4.

In regards to claim 5, Young discloses a method in accordance with claim 1, wherein: said print job source comprises a facsimile machine; said print job comprises a facsimile; and said network comprises the Internet(figure 3).

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In regards to claim 14, it is rejected in the same manner as claim 5.

In regards to claim 6, Young discloses a method in accordance with claim 5, further comprising: receiving the facsimile from the facsimile machine at a facsimile server via the network; assigning the telephone number to the printer at the facsimile server; and forwarding the facsimile to the spooling server from the facsimile server(column 4, lines 1-60).

In regards to claim 15, it is rejected in the same manner as claim 6.

In regards to claim 7, Young discloses a method in accordance with claim 6, wherein: said facsimile server forwards the facsimile to the spooling server using one of Simple Mail Transport Protocol, Simple Object Access Protocol, Extensible Markup Language, Hypertext Transfer Protocol, or Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure(column 4, lines 4-11).

In regards to claim 16, it is rejected in the same manner as claim 7.

In regards to claim 8, Young discloses a method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the printer is connected to the network via a dedicated Internet connection(figure 3).

In regards to claim 17, it is rejected in the same manner as claim 8.

In regards to claim 9, Young discloses a method in accordance with claim 1, wherein: said print job is stored at said spooling server based on said telephone number; said telephone number is dynamically assigned to the printer at a user interface associated with said printer; and said printer requests said print job from said spooling server based on the assigned telephone number(column 3, lines 35-57 and column 4, lines 45-63).

In regards to claim 18, it is rejected in the same manner as claim 9.